

# Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

November 2009

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According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 percent between October 2009 and November 2009 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.5 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both rose 0.3 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the November All-items Index increased from October 2009 primarily due to higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline and passenger vehicle insurance premiums. Prices also rose for fresh vegetables, non-alcoholic beverages, dairy products and sugar and confectionery.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for natural gas, inter-city transportation, traveller accommodations and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also decreased for women's clothing, men's clothing and fresh or frozen chicken.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.8 percent between November 2008 and November 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.2 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The November All-items Index increased from November 2008 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, electricity, food purchased from restaurants and prescribed medicines. Prices also rose for rent, homeowners' maintenance and repairs and passenger vehicle insurance premiums.

These increases were partially offset by price decreases for natural gas, property taxes (including special charges) and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also fell for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and home entertainment equipment – parts and services.

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**ALL-ITEMS  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

|                                         | Index            |                  | Percent Change                                    |                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                         | <u>Nov. 2009</u> | <u>Oct. 2009</u> | <u>Oct. 2009</u><br><u>to</u><br><u>Nov. 2009</u> | <u>Nov. 2008</u><br><u>to</u><br><u>Nov. 2009</u> |
|                                         | (2002 = 100)     |                  |                                                   |                                                   |
| <b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>                     |                  |                  |                                                   |                                                   |
| All-Items                               | 117.6            | 117.2            | 0.3                                               | 0.8                                               |
| Food                                    | 122.6            | 121.8            | 0.7                                               | 1.9                                               |
| Shelter                                 | 137.9            | 139.0            | -0.8                                              | -1.2                                              |
| Household Operations<br>and Furnishings | 103.8            | 103.9            | -0.1                                              | 1.9                                               |
| Clothing and Footwear                   | 96.6             | 98.5             | -1.9                                              | 3.3                                               |
| Transportation                          | 108.8            | 105.5            | 3.1                                               | -0.8                                              |
| Health and Personal Care                | 113.7            | 113.7            | 0.0                                               | 4.9                                               |
| Recreation, Education<br>and Reading    | 105.3            | 105.5            | -0.2                                              | 1.7                                               |
| Tobacco and Alcohol                     | 133.5            | 133.4            | 0.1                                               | 2.9                                               |
| All-Items Excluding Energy              | 116.4            | 116.0            | 0.3                                               | 1.0                                               |
| Energy                                  | 128.6            | 128.3            | 0.2                                               | -1.3                                              |
| <b>CANADA</b>                           |                  |                  |                                                   |                                                   |
| All-Items                               | 115.2            | 114.6            | 0.5                                               | 1.0                                               |
| Food                                    | 121.5            | 120.1            | 1.2                                               | 1.7                                               |
| Shelter                                 | 121.3            | 121.2            | 0.1                                               | -1.7                                              |
| Household Operations<br>and Furnishings | 108.5            | 107.9            | 0.6                                               | 2.8                                               |
| Clothing and Footwear                   | 95.1             | 95.0             | 0.1                                               | 1.1                                               |
| Transportation                          | 115.4            | 113.4            | 1.8                                               | 1.9                                               |
| Health and Personal Care                | 113.6            | 112.9            | 0.6                                               | 3.2                                               |
| Recreation, Education<br>and Reading    | 103.7            | 104.5            | -0.8                                              | 1.8                                               |
| Tobacco and Alcohol                     | 131.3            | 131.4            | -0.1                                              | 2.2                                               |
| All-Items Excluding Energy              | 113.9            | 113.4            | 0.4                                               | 1.0                                               |
| Energy                                  | 132.4            | 128.8            | 2.8                                               | 1.3                                               |
| <b>REGINA</b>                           |                  |                  |                                                   |                                                   |
| All-Items                               | 117.8            | 117.4            | 0.3                                               | 1.2                                               |
| <b>SASKATOON</b>                        |                  |                  |                                                   |                                                   |
| All-Items                               | 118.6            | 118.3            | 0.3                                               | 0.7                                               |

**Note:** These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

**ALL-ITEMS  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
PERCENT CHANGE  
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

|                             | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b>             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                             | <u>Oct. 2009<br/>to<br/>Nov. 2009</u> | <u>Nov. 2008<br/>to<br/>Nov. 2009</u> |
| <b>Canada</b>               | <b>0.5</b>                            | <b>1.0</b>                            |
| <b>Newfoundland</b>         | <b>0.9</b>                            | <b>1.1</b>                            |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b> | <b>1.2</b>                            | <b>1.9</b>                            |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>          | <b>0.9</b>                            | <b>1.7</b>                            |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>        | <b>1.0</b>                            | <b>2.2</b>                            |
| <b>Quebec</b>               | <b>0.6</b>                            | <b>1.7</b>                            |
| <b>Ontario</b>              | <b>0.6</b>                            | <b>1.0</b>                            |
| <b>Manitoba</b>             | <b>0.3</b>                            | <b>0.8</b>                            |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>         | <b>0.3</b>                            | <b>0.8</b>                            |
| <b>Alberta</b>              | <b>0.8</b>                            | <b>0.8</b>                            |
| <b>British Columbia</b>     | <b>0.3</b>                            | <b>0.1</b>                            |
| <b>Whitehorse</b>           | <b>0.4</b>                            | <b>-0.6</b>                           |
| <b>Yellowknife</b>          | <b>0.3</b>                            | <b>0.5</b>                            |
| <b>Iqaluit</b>              | <b>-0.4</b>                           | <b>-0.6</b>                           |

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
PERCENT CHANGE  
CANADIAN CITIES**

|                                 | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b>                           |                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | <b><u>Oct. 2009</u><br/>to<br/><u>Nov. 2009</u></b> | <b><u>Nov. 2008</u><br/>to<br/><u>Nov. 2009</u></b> |
| <b>St. John's</b>               | <b>0.7</b>                                          | <b>1.2</b>                                          |
| <b>Charlottetown-Summerside</b> | <b>1.2</b>                                          | <b>1.9</b>                                          |
| <b>Halifax</b>                  | <b>1.0</b>                                          | <b>1.7</b>                                          |
| <b>Saint John</b>               | <b>0.9</b>                                          | <b>2.4</b>                                          |
| <b>Quebec City</b>              | <b>0.7</b>                                          | <b>2.0</b>                                          |
| <b>Montreal</b>                 | <b>0.6</b>                                          | <b>1.8</b>                                          |
| <b>Ottawa</b>                   | <b>0.4</b>                                          | <b>1.1</b>                                          |
| <b>Toronto</b>                  | <b>0.4</b>                                          | <b>0.8</b>                                          |
| <b>Thunder Bay</b>              | <b>0.6</b>                                          | <b>0.1</b>                                          |
| <b>Winnipeg</b>                 | <b>0.3</b>                                          | <b>0.8</b>                                          |
| <b>Regina</b>                   | <b>0.3</b>                                          | <b>1.2</b>                                          |
| <b>Saskatoon</b>                | <b>0.3</b>                                          | <b>0.7</b>                                          |
| <b>Edmonton</b>                 | <b>0.7</b>                                          | <b>1.1</b>                                          |
| <b>Calgary</b>                  | <b>0.7</b>                                          | <b>0.6</b>                                          |
| <b>Vancouver</b>                | <b>0.4</b>                                          | <b>0.2</b>                                          |
| <b>Victoria</b>                 | <b>0.2</b>                                          | <b>0.0</b>                                          |
| <b>Whitehorse</b>               | <b>0.4</b>                                          | <b>-0.6</b>                                         |
| <b>Yellowknife</b>              | <b>0.3</b>                                          | <b>0.5</b>                                          |
| <b>Iqaluit</b>                  | <b>-0.4</b>                                         | <b>-0.6</b>                                         |



